

Appendix D

Committee Charge

1. Determine whether the methodology used for this analysis was appropriate and reflected the best scientific methods available at the time of publication.
2. Determine whether sensitivity analysis could be used to assess the impact of model assumptions on the findings.
3. Determine whether the clearance process adhered to standard CDC practice and, specifically, if the internal policy for manuscript clearance was followed.
4. Comment on whether a new methodology has become available since the publication of this paper that would provide better estimates of the actual causes of death.
5. Make recommendations on what steps the authors should take regarding the published paper.
6. Make recommendations on further research that should be undertaken related to the issues addressed in the publication under review.